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October 4, 2018

Advice Letter 1079-G

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SUBJECT: To Modify the Preliminary Statement of Southwest Gas' California Gas Tariff to Establish the Emergency Customer Protections Memorandum Account (EPCMA), Pursuant to Ordering Paragraph (OP) 3, in Decision (D.) 18-08-004

Dear Mr. Brown:

Advice Letter 1079-G is effective as of October 10, 2018

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward Randolph".

Edward Randolph
Director, Energy Division



SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

September 28, 2018

ATTN: Tariff Unit, Energy Division
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California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 4005
San Francisco, CA 94102

Subject: Southwest Gas Corporation (U 905 G)
Advice Letter No. 1079 – Substitute Sheet

Enclosed are an original and one (1) copy of Southwest Gas Corporation's (Southwest Gas) Gas Tariff Sheet No. 45.13 included in Advice Letter No. (AL) 1079. AL 1079, submitted on September 10, 2018, requests authorization to modify Southwest Gas' Tariff Preliminary Statement to establish the Emergency Customer Protections Memorandum Account pursuant to Ordering Paragraph 3, in Decision 18-08-004.

The purpose of this transmittal is to correct a typographical error in the footer on Sheet No. 45.13, which incorrectly notes Justin Lee Brown's title as Vice President, instead of Senior Vice President.

Southwest Gas respectfully requests that the enclosed substitute sheet replace the originally submitted sheet in AL 1079.

In accordance with General Order 96-B, General Rule 7.5.1, Southwest Gas is serving copies of this substitute sheet filing to the utilities and interested parties shown on the attached list.

Sincerely,

Valerie J. Ontiveroz
Regulatory Manager/California

VJO:jjp

Enclosures

Distribution List

Advice Letter No. 1079

In conformance with GO 96-B, General Rule 4.3

The following individual has been served by regular, first-class mail:

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PRELIMINARY STATEMENT
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32. EMERGENCY CUSTOMER PROTECTIONS MEMORANDUM ACCOUNT (ECPMA)

32A. PURPOSE

Pursuant to Decision (D.) 18-08-004, the purpose of the Emergency Customer Protections Memorandum Account (ECPMA) is to record all incremental costs incurred by the Company associated with providing the residential and non-residential emergency customer protections set forth in D.18-08-004 for any disasters where the Governor of California has declared a State of Emergency that includes the Company's service territories and where the disaster has either: (1) resulted in the loss or disruption of the delivery or receipt of utility service; and/or (2) resulted in the degradation of the quality of utility service.

Should such a disaster occur, the Company shall file a Tier 1 Advice Letter within 15 days of the Governor's State of Emergency Proclamation reporting its compliance with D.18-08-004.

32B. TRACKING PROCEDURES

The Company shall track the incremental costs in the ECPMA at the end of each month, commencing with the month the disaster occurs. Entries to the ECPMA will be segregated by qualifying event. Interest on the tracked balance will be calculated as set forth in Section 12B of this Preliminary Statement.

32C. APPLICABILITY

The ECPMA balance will be recovered from all customer classes, unless specifically requested for exclusion by the Company.

32D. DISPOSITION

Costs recorded in the ECPMA may be recovered in rates only after a request by the Company and approval by the Commission.



ADVICE LETTER SUMMARY

ENERGY UTILITY

MUST BE COMPLETED BY UTILITY (Attach additional pages as needed)

Company name/CPUC Utility No.: Southwest Gas Corporation (U 905 G)

Utility type:

- ELC GAS WATER
 PLC HEAT

Contact Person: Valerie J. Ontiveroz

Phone #: 702 876-7323

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E-mail Disposition Notice to: valerie.ontiveroz@swgas.com

EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE

ELC = Electric GAS = Gas WATER = Water
 PLC = Pipeline HEAT = Heat

(Date Submitted / Received Stamp by CPUC)

Advice Letter (AL) #: 1079 - Substitute Sheet

Tier Designation: Tier 2

Subject of AL: Substitute Sheet filing.

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Preliminary Statement

AL Type: Monthly Quarterly Annual One-Time Other:

If AL submitted in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution #:

Does AL replace a withdrawn or rejected AL? If so, identify the prior AL: Not applicable

Summarize differences between the AL and the prior withdrawn or rejected AL: Not Applicable

Confidential treatment requested? Yes No

If yes, specification of confidential information:

Confidential information will be made available to appropriate parties who execute a nondisclosure agreement. Name and contact information to request nondisclosure agreement/ access to confidential information:

Resolution required? Yes No

Requested effective date: 10/10/18

No. of tariff sheets: 1

Estimated system annual revenue effect (%): N/A

Estimated system average rate effect (%): N/A

When rates are affected by AL, include attachment in AL showing average rate effects on customer classes (residential, small commercial, large C/I, agricultural, lighting).

Tariff schedules affected: N/A

Service affected and changes proposed¹: See 'Subject of AL' above

Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets: Not applicable

¹Discuss in AL if more space is needed.

Protests and all other correspondence regarding this AL are due no later than 20 days after the date of this submittal, unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, and shall be sent to:

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San Francisco, CA 94102
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Utility Name: Southwest Gas Corporation
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Name:
Title:
Utility Name:
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Clear Form



SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

September 10, 2018

ATTN: Tariff Unit, Energy Division
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue, 4th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94102

Subject: Southwest Gas Corporation (U 905 G)
Advice Letter No. 1079

Enclosed herewith is an original and one (1) copy of Southwest Gas Corporation's Advice Letter No. 1079, together with California Gas Tariff Sheet Nos. 2 and 45.13.

Sincerely,

Valerie J. Ontiveroz
Regulatory Manager/California

VJO:jjp
Enclosures



SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

Advice Letter No. 1079

September 10, 2018

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Southwest Gas Corporation (Southwest Gas or Company) (U 905 G) tenders herewith for submission the following tariff sheets:

Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.	California Gas Tariff Title of Sheet	Canceling Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.
8th Revised Sheet No. 2	Table of Contents	7th Revised Sheet No. 2
Original Sheet No. 45.13	Preliminary Statement – (continued)	

Purpose

The purpose of this submission is to modify the Preliminary Statement of Southwest Gas' California Gas Tariff to establish the Emergency Customer Protections Memorandum Account (ECPMA) pursuant to Ordering Paragraph (OP) 3, in Decision (D.) 18-08-004.

Background

On March 22, 2018, the Commission issued Rulemaking (R.) 18-03-011, to consider whether permanent rules should be adopted that require all electric, gas, telephone, water and sewer utilities under the Commission's jurisdiction to make available post-disaster customer protection measures similar to those adopted in Resolutions M-4833 and M-4835 in response to the 2017 wildfires in Northern and Southern California, which "...gravely impacted the lives of many Californians and affected multiple utility services across the state."¹

The Commission states in D.18-08-004:

We recognize the need for prompt Commission consideration of disaster preparedness and disaster relief as California experiences the harsh effects

¹ D.18-08-004 at p. 2.



of climate change, which increases the probability and severity of disasters like wildfires. Consequently, Resolutions M-4833 and M-4835 are the controlling interim authority and shall remain in effect should a disaster occur that affects utility service between now and the time R.18-03-011 concludes.²

D.18-08-004 adopts the following interim protections consistent with Resolutions M-4833 and M-4835:

1. Waive deposit requirements for affected residential customers seeking to reestablish service for one year and expedite move-in and move-out service requests;
2. Stop estimated energy usage for billing attributed to the time period when the home/unit was unoccupied as result of the emergency;
3. Discontinue billing;
4. Prorate any monthly access charge or minimum charges;
5. Implement payment plan options for residential customers;
6. Suspend disconnection for non-payment and associated fees, waive deposit and late fee requirements for residential customers;
7. Support low-income residential customers by: (a) freezing all standard and high-usage reviews for the California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) program eligibility in impacted counties until at least the end of the year and potentially longer, as warranted; (b) contact all community outreach contractors, the community based organizations who assist in enrolling hard-to-reach low-income customers into CARE, in impacted counties to help better inform customers of these eligibility changes; (c) partner with the program administrator of the customer funded emergency assistance program for low-income customers and increase the assistance limit amount for the next 12 months for impacted customers; and (e) indicate how the energy savings assistance program can be deployed to assist impacted customers;
8. Track costs in an appropriate memorandum account which shall be re-named the Emergency Customer Protections Memorandum Account from the Wildfires Customer Protections Memorandum Account and as

² D.18-08-004 at p. 3



appropriate, costs may be tracked in the Catastrophic Event Memorandum Account (CEMA), and

9. Follow the requirements that were stipulated for non-residential customers in Resolution M-4833 and M-4835.³

In accordance with D.18-08-004, the above interim protections shall be put in effect upon a declaration of a state of emergency by the Governor of California where the disaster has either: (1) resulted in the loss or disruption of the delivery or receipt of utility service; and/or (2) resulted in the degradation of the quality of utility service. The period for which the protections apply shall be consistent with the determinations of Resolutions M-4833 and M-4835 or until utility service is restored.⁴

Finally, pursuant to OP 3, the California gas and electric utilities:

...shall file a Tier 2 Advice letter no later than 30 days from the date of this decision stating that they have modified or implemented, as appropriate, their respective Emergency Customer Protections Memorandum Accounts and to extend their applicability of those memorandum accounts to costs for implementing customer protections for all disasters where the Governor of California has declared a state of emergency and accordingly, state which tariff changes, if any and if necessary, pursuant to this Decision. Emergency Customer Protections Memorandum Account tariff language must specify that entries in the account will be segregated by qualifying event.

As such, this Advice Letter establishes the ECPMA consistent with OP 3.

This Advice Letter will not increase any rate or charge, cause the withdrawal of service or conflict with any other schedule or rule.

Effective Date

In accordance with OP 3 in D.18-08-004, this Advice Letter is classified as Tier 2 (Effective After Energy Division Approval) and subject to Energy Division disposition pursuant to General Order (GO) 96-B. Southwest Gas respectfully requests this Advice Letter be made effective October 10, 2018, which is thirty (30) calendar days after the date submitted.

³ Id. at pgs. 6-7

⁴ Id. at p. 5.



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Protest

Anyone may protest this Advice Letter to the Commission. The protest must state the grounds upon which it is based with specificity. The protest must be sent no later than 20 days after the date of this Advice Letter submission and shall be sent by letter via U.S. Mail, facsimile, or electronically mailed. The address for mailing or delivering a protest to the Commission is:

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Energy Division
California Public Utilities Commission
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San Francisco, CA 94102
Email: edtariffunit@cpuc.ca.gov
Facsimile: 415-703-2200

Copies should also be mailed to the attention of the Director, Energy Division, Room 4004, at the same address as above and mailed, emailed or faxed to:

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Southwest Gas Corporation
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Las Vegas, NV 89193-8510
Email: justin.brown@swgas.com
Facsimile: 702-364-3452

Notice

Pursuant to Energy Industry Rule 3.1(1), Southwest Gas is exempt from the notice requirements set forth in General Rule 4.2 in GO 96-B since this Advice Letter is being submitted in compliance with OP 3 in D.18-08-004.

Service

In accordance with GO 96-B, General Rule 7.2, Southwest Gas is serving copies of this Advice Letter and related tariff sheet to the utilities and interested parties shown on the attached list.



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Respectfully submitted,

SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

By:

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Justin Lee Brown

Attachments

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California Gas Tariff

Canceling 8th Revised Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No. 2
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Decision No. _____

Issued by
Justin Lee Brown
Senior Vice President

Date Filed September 10, 2018
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